



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## February 2008 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

March 14: Emergency Communications

April 11: Antenna Building Class

May 9: Home Brew Radio

June 13: Annual Auction

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### Highlights of the February 8, 2008 meeting:

Approximately 50 members were present, including 4 guests.

The Radio Room Makeover was discussed. Steve Wendt, Dave Jarvis, and Tom Chance all contributed to the effort over 2 Saturdays. A 160m, 80m-10m Windom was erected on the roof. A new 1.6GHz PC donation was received. The new station features the following: SSTV, Digital modes, RTTY, PC Logger program with EQSL capability. Current Radios are: 2m and 440MHz rigs, FT990 for HF. Award Plaques are predominately displayed, as is a Wooden IRC Station Plaque with W9JP call that was presented to the club station. There was a photo-op at the station following the meeting.

Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip will depart early morning, Saturday, May 17. The fee will be \$30 per person, NOT including admission to the Hamvention.

There was discussion of the USS Indianapolis Radio Event. The survivors decided to do this every year. The event will take place either the first or second weekend in June.

Upcoming Marion County events were described by Jeff (KC9HSZ).

500 Festival:	Signup online at <a href="http://500festival.com/volunteer">500festival.com/volunteer</a>
Tour de Cure:	Volunteers needed
Giest Mini-Marathon Run:	Volunteers needed

Gerald Skoll (KC9DTB) described his Bermuda Sailboat Trip. He made 12 contacts off back of onboard antenna on 20m only; much static on other bands.

Next came the program for the evening: "Legacy Night"

First Speaker was VP Dave Miller (K9RTT). Harold (K9YXV,SK) gave him his Novice license exam; Tech license after Novice; used 6m and 2m (144-146MHz); Dave upgraded to General to gain access to 2m (144-148 MHz), soon after Tech could use all of 2m band. NC300 used for 6m 2m and 220MHz; Gonset box was used to add 10, 15, and 20m capability. Later transmitter was Globe Highlander; also had Clegg 2m Zeus. Typical contact rate was 1 contact per week; 6m was as popular as 2m today; There were no repeaters. Dave worked approximately 45 states. His 2m/6m antenna was Finco, manufactured locally. Dave also referenced a brief history of Amateur Radio at [www.hamshack.com](http://www.hamshack.com).

Jim (K9RU) talked about a History of his radio equipment, starting with his SB201. John (W9GRE) described his first tuner (a TU6U) he bought for \$5 at Essy Radio, his BC348 Receiver, a Multimeter kit, a JT30 mic, and a Bug. Paul (WB9PLU), formerly from S. Jersey, described his ham shack as it appeared in a photo he submitted. Tom Chance (K9XV) spoke about his HW101 and his first contact,-- WA9BWY.

Door prizes were drawn. The first prize went to Mary Brown (KC9FFO). The second prize was won by Sam (WA9VBG). The third prize was won by Jeff (KC9HSZ).

*[Editor's note: Special thanks to Tom Price, WB9UNG, for the notes from the meeting.]*

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### **Ham Radio News:**

### **INDIANAPOLIS VE Testing Schedule for the first half of 2008**

March 1st

April 5th

June 7th

July 12th (At a separate location with the Indianapolis Hamfest)

August 16th

Sept 6th

October 4th

November 1st

December 6th

Calling in advance to ensure testing availability is suggested but not mandatory.

**SPONSOR:** Indianapolis Radio Club (W9JP)

**LOCATION:** Indianapolis Training Center 2820 N. Meridian Street.

**CONTACTS:** Gale Wuollet, AA9WU (h) 317-849-8449, or Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L 317-203-3335.

All testing at the Indianapolis Training Center starts at 9:00 am and the last test will be administered no later than 11:00 a.m.

## **CLASSES CONTINUE IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**

Continuing on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., amateur radio classes will be held at the Danville Senior Services Center, 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, IN. Technician classes, as well as General and Extra upgrade classes will be available. Contact Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L, at 317-203-3335 for more details.

## **2008 CENTRAL INDIANA SEVERE WEATHER SYMPOSIUM**

### **2008 Central Indiana Severe Weather Symposium**

The 2008 symposium will be held on Saturday, March 1st, 2008, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Valle Vista Conference Center , 755 East Main Street, Greenwood, Indiana, and is cosponsored by the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Service Indianapolis.

Confirmed speakers as of this time include:

Dan McCarthy Meteorologist-in-Charge, NWS Indianapolis

John Kwiatkowski Science and Operations Officer, NWS Indianapolis

Paul Sirvatka Professor of Meteorology, College of DuPage

Angela Buchman Broadcast Meteorologist, WISH-TV 8

Bill Gosnell Emergency Manager, Delaware County, Indiana

Logan Johnson Meteorologist, NWS Indianapolis

Joseph Nield Meteorologist, NWS Indianapolis

A student poster presentation is also planned for the symposium. Students presenting posters will be able to register at a discounted rate. Watch this site for further information and updates.

Symposium planning is still ongoing, so check back at this website for updated information as the symposium date approaches:

[http://www.crh.noaa.gov/crnews/display\\_story.php?wfo=ind&storyid=11135&source=0](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/crnews/display_story.php?wfo=ind&storyid=11135&source=0)

## **FIELD DAY PACKETS COMING SOON**

Get ready for ARRL Field Day, June 28-29, 2008. Packets will be available during the first week of February. Packets include the complete rules (including changes for 2008). Other reference items that will be available include forms, Section abbreviations, a kit to publicize your event with the local press and more.

## **NEW NET MANAGER FOR INDIANA TRAFFIC NET APPOINTED**

**From Indiana ARRL Section Manager Jim Sellers:**

I have appointed James B Baughn K9EOH as the Net Manager for the Indiana Traffic Net. Please forward your NCS Net Reports to him ASAP. Jim will compile them and send me a summary report each month. Jim's E-mail address is [k9eoh@arrl.net](mailto:k9eoh@arrl.net).

## **AN INVITATION FROM OUR BROWN COUNTY FRIENDS**

**From Brown County A. R. C.    E-Mail [W9BCI@yahoo.com](mailto:W9BCI@yahoo.com)**

You are invited to come to our monthly club meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Nashville Public Library at 7:00 pm in the downstairs meeting room. As a club we have severe weather and other emergency nets, as needed. You do not need to be a club member to attend our Field Day operation or come to our meetings. Everyone is welcome to all of our activities. We have classes for getting your license or upgrading. We are always looking for input as to ways to improve the club and to add actives. Come and offer your suggestions. We look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions please drop us a note at the E-Mail address above.

## **HEATHER HEININGER IS PUBLISHED IN WORLD RADIO**

**From Joseph Black, KC9HDH:**

If you get the World Radio magazine, you need to check out page 40 in the March 2008 issue. Our very own Heather Heininger, KB9ZLB, has a poem published about ham radio.

## **A FUNNY**

### **REWARD OFFERED!**

A REWARD OF 500 MICROFARADS IS OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THIS DESPERATE CRIMINAL, HOP-A-LONG CAPACITY.

THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL ESCAPED FROM A WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAMPED IN IONS AWAITING THE GAUSS CHAMBER. HE WAS CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF AN 18 TURN COIL NAMED MILLI-HENRY WHO WAS FOUND CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES. HE IS ARMED WITH A CARBON ROD AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER.

CAPACITY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRIVING A DC MOTOR OVER A WHEATSTONE BRIDGE AND REFUSING TO LET THE BAND-PASS. IF ENCOUNTERED, HE MAY OFFER SERIES OF RESISTANCE. THE ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIM IN A MAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO EARTH. THEY HAD NO SUCCESS AND BELIEVED HE HAD RETURNED OHM VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT.

HE WAS LAST SEEN RIDING A KILOCYCLE WITH HIS FRIEND EDDY CURRENT WHO WAS PLAYING A HARMONIC.

Author Unknown

## **WELCOME, NEW MEMBER**

Stephanie Maxey-Boyd KC9IUC

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kc9glq@arrl.net](mailto:kc9glq@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

From the May, 1952 Indianapolis Radio Club *Amachewer*:

A letter from Pvt. John Lee told of his expected visit to Indpls on his furlough in May. He is studying Army Fixed Station now and then he is to go to Single Side Band School. He reports that his wife regularly sends Amachewer to him and thus keeps up with the local hams. He recently became papa because in closing he mentioned his month old boy. Congrats om.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- The Dugger Amateur Radio Club is hosting its annual Hamfest On March 1st again at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds, Sullivan, Indiana. Details are shown at <http://www.kc9ak.org/hamfest.html> VE testing at 9 AM... ECOMM forum at 11 AM...
- Sat., March 8 - Wabash Valley ARA Hamfest Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, Terre Haute Go to <http://www.w9uuu.org> for more info.
- Sat., March 29 – Columbus Amateur Radio Club Columbus 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building Go to <http://www.qsl.net/carc> for more info.

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## **Current IRC Officers:**

- President: Tom Chance, K9XV - ..EMAIL [k9xv@arrl.net](mailto:k9xv@arrl.net)
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